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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1327

DATE PREPARED: Oct 27, 1998

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Sex offender treatment program.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
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IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the Department of Correction to provide a centralized program for the treatment of sex offenders and to issue directives to govern the placement of a sex offender into the appropriate sex offender treatment program.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill provides for continuous treatment for sex offenders during their confinement period. Lengths of offender confinement for the Class A-D felony sex offenses described by this bill vary enormously, from an average of one year for D felony child molesting to 13 years for A felony rape. Costs of continuous treatment programming for this range of incarceration would be indeterminate. In FY 97, 574 felons were admitted to DOC facilities with a primary sex crime offense.

The Department of Correction (DOC) is currently planning a sex offender treatment program modeled after a program used by the Colorado DOC. As of October 15, 1998, there were 2,416 adult sex offenders imprisoned in DOC facilities. DOC plans include three program phases and annual enrollment estimates, including: (1) victim awareness education at offender intake (500 offenders/year at \$112,000); (2) intensive voluntary treatment, usually during the last two years of sentences (200 offenders/year at \$907,000); and (3) community follow-up during the two-year presumptive parole period (400 offenders/years at between \$2.1 M and \$2.9 M, depending on DOC staffing needs).

After a time lag between initial offender intakes and eventual releases to parole, personal services and supply costs may approach \$3.95 M for 1,100 offenders annually. A continuous treatment program, required under this bill, is not part of the current DOC plan. Continuous treatment costs for sex offenders would entail costs greater than current DOC plans.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Correction.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Kathy Lisby, Department of Correction.